

## Message Text

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INFO AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA  
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AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: MASS EG US  
SUBJECT: AIRPLANE SALES

1. CAIRO PRESS MAY 20 PROMINENTLY QUOTES FORMER DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE LES JANKA (RECENTLY IN CAIRO) ON SENATE APPROVAL OF MID-EAST AIRCRAFT PACKAGE. ACCORDING PAPERS, JANKA SAID F-5E DELIVERIES WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER EGYPTIAN PILOTS HAVE COMPLETED TRAINING, WHICH NOT EXPECTED TAKE LONGER THAN 60 DAYS. JANKA DESCRIBED F-5E'S AS HAVING "SPECIAL QUALITIES" MAKING THEM "INTERCEPTORS OF FIRST ORDER".
2. PAPERS STATE JANKA DESCRIBED PACKAGE AS "TURNING POINT IN ARAB-AMERICAN RELATIONS", REFLECTING U.S. PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S BALANCED POLICY. CONGRESS, JANKA REPORTEDLY STATED, WOULD NOT HAVE VOTED FOR PACKAGE HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR PRESSURE OF U.S. PUBLIC OPINION.

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3. JANKA NOTED U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT IMPOSE ANY SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON EGYPTIAN OR SAUDI USE OF PLANES, BUT HAS APPLIED SAME MEASURES CONNECTED WITH ALL ARMS TRANSACTIONS WHETHER CONCLUDED WITH ISRAEL OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY. JANKA POINTED OUT THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAD INFORMED USG IT DOES NOT INTEND STATION F-15'S AT TABUK.

4. ON PROMISE SELL 20 ADDITIONAL F-15'S TO ISRAEL,  
JANKA REPORTEDLY SAID THIS NOT A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT  
SINCE USG, THUS FAR, HAS NOT REPLIED TO ISRAEL'S \$20  
BILLION REQUEST FOR ARMS OVER NEXT 10 YEARS. MATTHEWS

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